

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5518**

LCO No. 3212

**AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PERSONAL RISK  
INSURANCE POLICIES TO FUND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS'  
OPERATING BUDGETS AND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER TRAINING  
COSTS AND PURCHASES OF FIRE EQUIPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) Each insurance company  
2       that issues, renews, amends or endorses a homeowners or renters  
3       insurance policy on or after July 1, 2016, shall remit to the Insurance  
4       Commissioner a surcharge, not later than January thirty-first annually,  
5       at the rate of one-half of one per cent, on the net direct premiums  
6       received by such company during the calendar year next preceding  
7       from such policies written on property or risks located or resident in  
8       this state. Any such remittances collected shall be deposited in the  
9       Connecticut Fire Safety Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this  
10      act. As used in this subsection, "net direct premiums" has the same  
11      meaning as provided in section 12-201 of the general statutes.

12      (b) Each such insurance company shall include with such  
13      remittance, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner,  
14      documentation to substantiate the surcharge amount remitted.

15      (c) Any insurance company aggrieved because of the surcharge  
16      levied under this section may appeal therefrom to the superior court

17 for the judicial district of New Britain.

18       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) (1) There is established an  
19 account to be known as the "Connecticut Fire Safety Fund" which shall  
20 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The  
21 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
22 the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the  
23 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the  
24 following order:

25       (A) To fund the operating budgets of regional fire schools  
26 established pursuant to section 7-323u of the general statutes; and

27       (B) To fund training costs and fees for Firefighter I certification of  
28 paid and volunteer municipal firefighters, provided (i) the  
29 municipality, fire department, fire company or fire district requesting  
30 such funds requires its firefighters to submit to criminal background  
31 checks, and (ii) such firefighters have passed such criminal  
32 background checks. Such training costs and fees shall not include any  
33 costs associated with such criminal background checks.

34       (2) Any moneys remaining in the account shall be expended to  
35 offset the costs of other firefighter training programs, including, but  
36 not limited to, Firefighter II certification and fire operations.

37       (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
38 shall establish (1) the form and manner of (A) submission of proposed  
39 operating budgets by regional fire schools, and (B) submission of  
40 funding requests for the costs specified under subparagraph (B) of  
41 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or subdivision (2) of  
42 subsection (a) of this section, (2) expenditure reporting requirements  
43 for regional fire schools, municipalities, fire departments, fire  
44 companies and fire districts that receive moneys from the Connecticut  
45 Fire Safety Fund in the current fiscal year, and (3) a methodology or  
46 system for determining the distribution of moneys for the costs  
47 specified under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
48 this section or subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

49 (c) As used in this section, "municipal" or "municipality" means any  
50 town, city, borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town  
51 and borough.

52 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
53 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
54 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

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